## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
	Brett A. Shirley, et al.	)
Serial No.:	10/628,806	) Art Unit ) 2114
Filed:	July 28, 2003	)
Conf. No.:	4554	)
For:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BACKING UP AND RESTORING DATA OF A NODE IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM	) ) )
Examiner:	Brian J. Assessor	)
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## AMENDMENT "A"

VIA E-FILE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 20, 2006 (paper no. 20060414), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.